



Half Term Breaks

12 – 18 October 2019

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Half Term Breaks are two events for the Autumn designed to enable you to experience all the beauty and culture of the Bernese Oberland. It will be packed with opportunities to discover the beauty of the mountains, try new activities, explore both nearby towns and the outdoors, and experience the magic of an international Guide and Scout Centre. Come and spend an unforgettable week in the Swiss Alps!

Cost

CHF 640 per person

This event is open to individuals and groups of all ages.

Package includes

- 6 nights of accommodation in rooms allocated by Our Chalet
- All meals (breakfast, packed lunch and dinner, starting from dinner on arrival day until packed lunch on departure day)
- 5 day programmes, 6 evening programmes
- All costs associated with activities, hikes and excursions (including gondolas) as indicated in the programme
- Luggage transfer from/to Adelboden Oey bus stop on arrival/departure day (8am-6pm only, must be pre-booked).

Package price does NOT include

- Personal souvenirs and snacks
- Additional taxis or buses required in lieu of planned hikes on the itinerary
- Travel or health insurance
- Travel to and from your home to Our Chalet
- Additional nights' accommodation and meals at Our Chalet before or after the event week
- Use of internet and personal laundry

Booking

Please take the time to read through this Information Pack. To reserve your place, contact info@ourchalet.waggs.org or make an on-line booking on our website at <https://www.waggs.org/en/our-world/world-centres/our-chalet/>. We will then provide you with a booking contract and request a 10% non-refundable deposit which will secure your reservation.

Yours in Guiding and Scouting,

Your Our Chalet Team



Day Programme

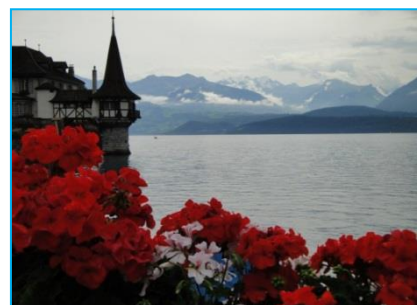
The Our Chalet Team is pleased to bring you the following activities, all of which are led by our volunteer staff or, when appropriate, professional mountain guides. Please note that the different hikes and activities will be guided according to weather conditions and the wishes and abilities of participants. The following draft event itinerary is subject to changes.

| | Time | Activity | Meeting Place |
|--------------|---------------|--|---------------|
| Day 1 | PM | Arrivals (check in after 14.00) | Reception |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | Our Chalet Tour | Flag Pole |
| Day 2 | 09.00 – 09.20 | Opening Ceremony | Flag Pole |
| | 10.00– 17.00 | On-Site Activities | Flag Pole |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | International Night | Flag Pole |
| Day 3 | 09.00 – 11.00 | WAGGGS Morning | Flag Pole |
| | 11.00 - 17.30 | Boat Trip on Lake Thun & <u>Oberhofen Castle</u> | Flag Pole |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | Swiss Night | Flag Pole |
| Day 4 | 09.00 – 17.30 | Engstligen Falls Hike & BBQ | Flag Pole |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | WAGGGS Night | Flag Pole |
| Day 5 | 09.00 – 17.30 | Interlaken Day: Schuh Chocolatier & Trümmelbach Falls | Flag Pole |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | Magic Tree Hike | Flag Pole |
| Day 6 | 09.00 – 17.30 | Woodcarver's Hike & Adelboden Town | Flag Pole |
| | 19.30 – 21.00 | Closing Ceremony & Campfire | Flag Pole |
| Day 7 | AM | Departure (check out before 10.00) | Reception |



On-site Day

The first full day is based at Our Chalet. We start with an official Opening Ceremony followed by on-site activities: campfire skills and cooking, orienteering and an environmental activity or Swiss craft.



Introduction to Stop the Violence

Adjustable for participants of all ages!

Learn more about the WAGGGS Voices of Violence curriculum.

After this session, you will understand more about the issue of violence against girls and young women, and what the World Association is doing to stop it.

Lake Thun and Oberhofen Castle

On our excursion to Lake Thun we will be having lunch at the lakeside in Spiez. Following that, a boat trip across the lake will take us to the medieval Oberhofen Castle where you will have time to explore the old building and garden always with a view of the mountains.

Engstligen Day

This hike will take us along the banks of the River Engstligen for approximately 2 hours, ascending 188m to reach the base of Engstligen Falls, the second tallest waterfall in Switzerland! There is a quiet picnic area in the forest where we can enjoy a BBQ lunch. Depending on if the gondola is still running we will take the gondola up to Engstligenalp and explore what this unique plateau has to offer. There are delightful restaurants and cafés, surrounded by beautiful peaks, and if you wish to hike more there are a variety of hiking paths on the Alp. Should the gondola be closed by then, we will hike up to the upper waterfall, where we can not only experience the Engstligen Falls from a different angle but also enjoy a stunning view of the Adelboden valley.

Interlaken Day

On this day, you will have the opportunity to visit the Swiss town of Interlaken. This day will include a visit to a local Chocolatier, where you can sample authentic hand-made Swiss chocolate, as well as an option to visit the stunning glacial Trümmelbach Falls.



Woodcarver's Hike & Adelboden Town

We will hike to the popular Adelboden Woodcarver, have a chance to see him carving, and perhaps purchase some unique souvenirs. Don't forget to bring a badge from your area for the ceiling in his shop! Along the way we can visit the Cholerenschlucht, a beautiful example of a naturally carved gorge. We will then stroll through the village of Adelboden and do a scavenger hunt to learn more about the town.



Evening Programmes

During your stay, Our Chalet Staff offer Evening Programmes. Filled with fun activities they provide you with a chance to meet other guests who are at Our Chalet during your stay. There are opportunities to play fun games, learn about WAGGGS, go on a beautiful hike, or enjoy an unforgettable campfire.

Our Chalet Tour

We will begin by explaining the programme of the week and how to best enjoy the facilities of Our Chalet in our Welcome Meeting. You will then have a chance to learn about the history of Our Chalet with a presentation, and we will take you on a tour of the two main buildings.

International Night

During this fun festival each guest will have the chance to present for 5 - 10 minutes about their home group, region, state or even country! In the past groups have brought photos, sang songs, shared favourite games and foods and told us stories about their home towns. Groups are asked to make it interactive. At the end of the evening we have time for badge swaps with guests and our international staff.



Swiss Night

Whilst in Switzerland take part in this unique opportunity to learn more about your host country. Experience some Swiss culture with a play on the William Tell story, a Swiss quiz, authentic alphorn music and of course, chocolate fondue tasting!

WAGGGS Night

With this evening programme you will have a chance to refresh your knowledge about WAGGGS. We will learn more about what WAGGGS has been doing to improve the lives of girls and young women worldwide and their recent campaigns.

Magic Tree Hike

We will hike into the neighbouring Bonderlen Valley and around to the old Magic Tree, a hollow tree that has been standing for over 600 years.

Campfire & Closing Ceremony

No Guiding or Scouting experience would be complete without the traditional Our Chalet campfire. Join our international staff for a campfire where you can learn some new songs and sing and teach some old favourites. During the campfire we will present Our Chalet Challenge badges and end the week with a closing ceremony.





Our Chalet Challenge

If you feel like giving yourself the ultimate challenge, and would like to discover more about Our Chalet, Switzerland and WAGGGS, then the Our Chalet Challenge is for you! The Our Chalet Challenge consists of six components: Physical Challenge, WAGGGS Knowledge, Our Chalet History, Swiss Culture, Personal Challenge and Service. If you manage to complete all six sections, you will be presented with a special Our Chalet Challenge badge. The cost of the badge is included in the programme package.

Preparation and suggested packing list

Our Chalet is located in the Swiss Alps, 1353 metres above sea level, and the weather can vary greatly on a daily basis. In order to fully enjoy this programme and feel comfortable with changing weather conditions in the Alps, we advise you to be aware of this while packing, as well as build up your level of fitness prior to your arrival. You can find our suggested packing list on our website, under the Book Now, Prior to Arrival section.

Please note that in October, weather conditions can vary from summery temperatures to occasional snow days!